



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION AUGUST 15, 2012

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair O'Connell, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners Absent: Cook, Herbel, Thomas

Commissioners Present: Commissioners McGovern, O'Connell, Siersema, and Spencer were in attendance.

Others Present: Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Bob Milani, Senior Civil Engineer
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

B. PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None

C. MINUTES

Of the four in attendance, only two attended the July meeting. Therefore, a quorum was not present to vote. The minutes were carried over to the September meeting for approval.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

E. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Travis Hopkins directed the Commissioners to a letter, copy provided to each Commissioner, sent to them by a citizen in opposition to a City Council action to save a large eucalyptus tree on Main Street that was to be removed during street rehabilitation. The citizen has been contacted by staff, and staff continues to be in communication with the resident regarding their concerns.

Commissioner McGovern expressed his concern of being put in an awkward position as the Public Works Commission recommending removal of the tree for multiple reasons. He feels a role of the Public Works Commission is to be

responsible to address safety concerns that affect all citizens. Travis Hopkins responded the City Council directed the department to make every effort to save the tree so staff is looking at alternatives. The tree will be evaluated annually for its condition, and the surrounding sidewalk will be evaluated to minimize any future risk to the city. Vice Chair O'Connell stated he agrees with Commissioner McGovern and voices the same concerns.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Active Capital Project Report – Travis Hopkins provided updates and then asked for any questions on the Capital Project Report.

Commissioner Siersema inquired about the rough slurry finish to the arterial rehabilitation on Magnolia from Adams to Indianapolis and the results with the contractor. Travis Hopkins responded the city took a credit against the cost of the project. His opinion is the surface will smooth out over time and with the next slurry seal in a few years.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Water Main Extension Project, CC-1436 – Travis Hopkins introduced Bob Milani who presented the staff report.

Vice Chair O'Connell recused himself and left the room.

The water main extension on Springdale Street will add additional points of connection to separate water systems in order to build redundancy in water service. The extension of the water main will enhance reliability for water service and for greater fire protection.

Commissioner Siersema inquired about the railroad tracks and how staff will address that area. Bob Milani responded the railroad track is a military track that has not been used in years and is scheduled for removal. If the tracks have not been removed at the time of construction, the water line will be placed underground of the tracks with approval of the military.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Spencer to recommend to the City Council approval of Water Main Extension Project, CC-1436.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 3
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 3 (Cook, Herbel, Thomas)
ABSTENTIONS: 1 (O'Connell)

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Presented earlier in the meeting by Public Works Director Travis Hopkins.

I. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

Travis Hopkins announced that Joyce Greene is retiring and this will be her last Public Works Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner McGovern, Seconded by Vice Chair O'Connell to acknowledge Joyce Greene for her service to the Public Works Commission.

The motion carried 4-0-3 (Cook, Herbel Thomas absent)

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM to September 19, 2012, in City Council Chambers.

Billy O'Connell
Vice-Chair

Joyce Greene
Administrative Assistant